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TO THE  
H U M A N E,  
ON BEHALF OF THE MOST  
DEPLORABLE CLASS OF SOCIETY,  
THE CLIMBING BOYS,  
EMPLOYED BY THE  
CHIMNEY-SWEEPERS:

BY  
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VAGITUS ET INGENS  
INFANTUM

VIRGIL.

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## PREFATORY ADDRESS.

THE earnest wishes of a deceased friend, “that his plan might not entirely fall to “the ground,” joined to the encouragement of a near and much respected relation, have tempted me to undertake the support of a cause which has appeared, since the death of its great Advocate, to be totally abandoned. With a heart, I will be bold to say, as warmly glowing on behalf of humanity, as that of the good Hanway, although with faculties and influence far inferior, I stand up the Advocate of oppressed Innocence. When I have told the affecting tale, when I have sketched out an easy Plan for their relief, I have done all that an Individual, unconnected with the Legislature of his country, *can do*. I must, at that period, surrender the glorious task of relieving the most undeservedly wretched of human beings, to the hands of those, whose station, at the same time that it gives them the *power*, charges them with the *duty*, of supporting helpless innocence, and counteracting illegal oppression.

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oppression. And may that Being, who can with less than a breath, reduce in an instant The sons and daughters of luxury to a state even more exquisitely wretched than that of the miserable creatures for whom I plead, grant to my pen those powers of persuasion, to which, I am conscious my abilities, abstracted from the cause I serve, have no title !

J. P. ANDREWS,

*Brompton, Jan. 1788,*

*P. S.* I ought not to forget returning grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Hanway's executors, for their kindness in permitting me to make use of The Copper plates belonging to his work. Mr. H. S. Woodfall, Printer of The Public Advertiser, who has, without the least gratuity, permitted the letters which originally composed this work, to appear, in a regular succession, in his Paper, deserves, also, most particular thanks.

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**T**HE loss of the humane Jonas Hanway was severely felt by every one of those benevolent institutions which this country, in preference to all her neighbour nations, can boast. But one wretched race of unprotected beings have infinitely the greatest cause for lamentation. By *his* decease they have lost a steady patron, an unwearied friend, whose discerning and compassionate eye disdained not to pierce through the horrors of ignorance, obscurity,

obscurity, disease, poverty, rags, and the most  
 exquisite filthiness, in order to discover and re-  
 lieve the oppressed and neglected innocent  
 beneath them. The humane reader will  
 instantly conceive that the CHIMNEY-SWEEP-  
 ERS are the unfortunate objects whom I now  
 point at. Hanway possessed, besides the best  
 of hearts, an uncommon power of persuasion.  
 He had thoroughly studied mankind, and  
 sometimes by his method of telling the melan-  
 choly tale, sometimes by perseverance, but  
 never failingly at length, by the weight which  
 the known excellence of his character gave  
 him, he always succeeded in his plans for the  
 benefit of society. Had he lived another year,  
 he would probably have realized his ideas,  
 have formed these harmless and necessary,  
 though cruelly treated beings, into a regular  
 community, and would have given them  
 health, cleanliness, and protection. But HE  
 IS NO MORE! and this truly beneficent  
 scheme utterly deserted. No very large sum of  
 money is wanting, but merely enough to sup-  
 ply the costs of an act of Parliament — a cir-  
 cumstance



umstance absolutely necessary towards the  
 accomplishment of the plan, No! an active,  
 zealous friend to what ought to be the *general*  
 cause of humanity, one who will revive that  
 benevolent system which drooped and sunk  
 with Hanway, one who by steadily pursuing  
 the design sketched out by that friend to his  
 species, and by carrying into Parliament such  
 a Bill as may place these poor children under  
 a legal protection, may secure to himself the  
 blessings of every humane heart, and be amply  
 rewarded for his pains by the consciousness of  
 having restored to the comforts of society hun-  
 dreds, who, by no fault of their own, are de-  
 voted to unpitied misery. To excite *such* a  
 protector, *such* an advocate for the distressed,  
 is the motive for this undertaking. With this  
 view I mean to state to the public, in as for-  
 cible a manner as my abilities will permit, the  
 present condition of the most truly pitiable  
 rank of beings which even a fanciful imagi-  
 nation could suppose to exist. That book  
 which he, whom I am proud to call my friend,  
 published, will supply me with ample mate-  
 rials,

sials, and to the catalogue of those various miseries which the unfortunate chimney-sweepers, by *his* account, undergo, I *can* add, 'tis with horror I speak it, some, which possibly never came to his knowledge, or which, perhaps, he thought too hideous to be exposed to the public eye.

The misfortunes of those unfortunate children, on whose behalf I address the public, commence at a very early period in their lives. Many of them begin their course of hardships at *five* years of age. Parishes *were* used to bind the children of the poor to Chimney Sweepers, but to the honor of humanity, there is reason to believe that this abuse exists in very few places, if any. The *climbing boys*, (for this is the technical distinction of the class I speak of) are generally taken from the illegitimate children of the lowest kind of people, from the vagabond orphans who wander about the streets; or, lastly, from the numerous families of such parents as will, for twenty or thirty shillings, confine their hapless offsprings

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to danger, disease and profligacy for the term of seven years.

It is a strange indulgence tacitly given by our laws, that the Master Chimney Sweeper, (generally one of the lowest and most brutal and ignorant of the creation,) should be permitted to take as many children as apprentices, and at as early an age, as he pleases, whilst a weaver in Spitalfields is confined to a certain number, lest he should breed more young persons to the trade than can be maintained by *him, or it*. In consequence of this inconsistent allowance, the situation of these wretched infants is greatly more deplorable than it would otherwise be, since many of the more unprincipled masters, being under no limitations whatever, take apprentices without end, gain money by letting their work out to those who have more customers than themselves, and take little care for the sustenance or cloathing of the poor innocents whom the law, even supposing christianity of no weight, surely ought to force them to treat, at least, with some degree of humanity.

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And

And what defence can an unprotected infant oppose against blows, filth, and famine? To what friend can the helpless sufferer complain? The very name of his occupation, and his own unhappy appearance, convey to the young an idea of terror, to the adult of ridicule. \*

In the benevolent *Hanway's* book written in favour of our poor injured, helpless clients, I find the following pathetic description of the *general* course of that life to which these unprotected infants are destined.—

“ We may figure to ourselves, the boy called  
 “ from the bag of foot on which he slept,  
 “ oftentimes walking a mile or two to his  
 “ work. We seldom behold his *nocturnal*  
 “ toils,

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\* A stronger instance of this awkward circumstance cannot be given, than, that the writer of these pages has been forced to avoid the word *Chimney-sweeper* in his epistolary Address to the Public, lest he should raise the *Smile*, where he would wish to cause the *Tear*.



“ toils, and combats with the *literal* powers  
 “ of darkness; but in the *day* we frequently  
 “ see him blasted with chilling cold, wet to  
 “ the skin, without shoes, or with only the  
 “ fragments of them; without stockings; his  
 “ coat and breeches in tatters, and his shirt in  
 “ smutty rags; sometimes with sores bleeding,  
 “ or with limbs twisted or contracted; whilst  
 “ his misery is rendered more pungent by his  
 “ talk-master, who has no feeling of his sor-  
 “ rows! — You who have the hearts of men,  
 “ and who have opportunities of seeing hu-  
 “ man misery, will contemplate the condition  
 “ of these poor beings, and judge if this pic-  
 “ ture bears a genuine likeness!”

To alter a single word of a picture, of an  
 address, like the foregoing, would be an un-  
 pardonable flight of presumption. The ex-  
 cellent author wrote from his heart, and sin-  
 cerely do I pity those who can read his words  
 unmoved.—If ought can be wanted to impress  
 them on the minds of their readers, this awful  
 consideration may be added, that the very hour

when he composed the work whence this paragraph is taken, he knew himself to be possessed by an incurable, a mortal disease. From such a man, *so* situated, every sentence ought to be attended to with reverence, and the whole should be respected as an admonition from the tombs,

The present crisis seems remarkably formed for the benefit of that cause in which I wish to interest the public. At a time when reformation is judged to be absolutely connected with the safety of the State, and when so considerable a share of attention is paid to the manners of the rising generation, can it be any way consistent with reason to leave many hundreds of our youth, not only utterly uneducated, and uninformed as to religious duties, but absolutely and literally expelled from every possibility of attending Divine Worship, or any of those excellent schools which have already given an air of decency to the behaviour of our younger people, on a day which they used to treat with unbecoming levity? Yet such is  
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the case of these unfortunate beings, the Chimney-sweepers boys. Their good advocate, Jonas Hanway, mentions an anecdote of “ a little band of them, who although they had the fortune to be supplied with Sunday’s cloathing, yet being proclaimed by their faces to be Chimney-sweepers, were driven contemptuously from a church (into which curiosity, or perhaps a better motive, had carried them) by the beadle, with this taunt, — “ What have Chimney-sweepers to do in a Church ?”

To this let me add, that out of the many of these poor infants, whom I have talked to concerning their way of life, I never yet met with one who had frequented any church, or who had any idea of religion. This cannot be right in a civilized nation, yet it must and will continue so, until a superior power shall compel the masters to let their boys be thoroughly washed and cleansed on a Saturday ; *then*, indeed, they might be in a capacity to be admitted to Divine Worship,

ship, and to partake of the benefits which the community receive from Sunday Schools.

Perhaps it may be alledged, that “ there  
 “ *must* be hardships borne by *some* ranks of  
 “ life, that chimneys *must* be swept by little  
 “ boys, and that it is mere declamation to en-  
 “ large on distresses which, from the nature of  
 “ Society, *must* ever exist.” That *our* chim-  
 nies \* *must* be swept by children, is, I fear, too  
 true. They are generally built, as a skilful  
 mechanic has informed me, in such a manner  
 as to make that humane method used in Edin-  
 burgh and other places (of cleansing them by  
 means of a broom, a rope, and two men) im-  
 practicable. But are we not bound, not only  
 by *humanity*, but *justice*, to exert ourselves in  
 making comfortable, if possible, the state of  
 those who render us such essential services?  
 Without whose assistance we could not enjoy  
 the comforts of a social hearth, without whose  
 dreary labours we should be in perpetual ha-  
 zard of losing our property, and even the ex-

\* This point however is by no means entirely clear.



istence of ourselves and families? Let me *here* repeat, that these wretched instruments of our security have not *chosen for themselves* this most perilous and unhealthy profession. Infants as they were, they could have no *fore knowledge* of the miseries they were to sustain, no power to avoid them, could they have been *fore-known*. Transmitted from the hovel of a starving parent, or from that mansion of wretchedness the dwelling of an unfeeling parish nurse, to the filthy cellar of a grim master, they can only submit and suffer. Here let me introduce the energetic words of the benevolent advocate for these most pitiable creatures, “ The poor objects which I now recommend to your particular care and protection, are generally in a miserable condition, without any guilt of their own, unless it be such as is taught them by the dissolute practices, or gross negligence of their masters. The situation of the great majority of the chimney sweepers boys would be very hard, were there no evil attending their calling, beyond that which unavoidably arises from the nature of it,

“ it, for it is generally acknowledged to be  
 “ more than human nature can well bear;  
 “ but when in addition to it, we consider  
 “ what they suffer by the ferocious ignorance  
 “ of one master, the griping penury of an-  
 “ other, the avarice of a third, and the obdu-  
 “ racy to which a general custom gives a sanc-  
 “ tion, we may with great propriety say, that  
 “ humanity is injured; her great principles are  
 “ violated, and she is constrained to cry aloud  
 “ for redress.”

We have now traced the poor climbing-boy  
 from his earliest years: And at the tenderest  
 age, when infants *require*, and generally *receive*,  
 the affectionate attendance of a parent, we  
 have seen the unhappy, innocent being, torne  
 from every domestic comfort, and placed under  
 the command of a master, probably as harsh  
 as the want of education and of religious and  
 social principles can make him; here we have  
 observed the poor, little, defenceless wretch in-  
 nured to hunger, cold, and ceaseless filth;  
 sometimes driven up chimnies, by dints of me-  
 naces, nay by actual scorching, (for, be it  
 known

known to the humane, that such infernal practices do exist) when such chimnies have been so very narrow as to tear the skin and flesh from the backs of the helpless sufferer. We have seen him utterly deprived of every light which education can bestow, and totally incapacitated as to acquiring any knowledge of the religion of his country. But he has not yet been exposed to the public view as languishing under the most painful and pernicious diseases, nay worse, as deprived by his exertions for the service of the community, of any capacity for *ever* tasting social enjoyments, should he even, contrary to every probability, ever find himself in a situation to partake of them. But be this horrid tale the subject of a future paragraph.

In beginning to speak of the *visible* diseases to which the Chimney-sweeping Boys are liable, I cannot serve the cause I plead more effectually than by giving Mr. Hanway's own description of one of these wretched objects with whom chance had made him acquainted :

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" He

" He is now twelve years of age, a cripple on  
 " crutches, hardly three feet seven inches in  
 " stature. He began to climb chimnies *before*  
 " he was five years of age, his bones not hav-  
 " ing acquired a fit degree of strength. The  
 " same treatment of the colt would be deemed  
 " a transgression against all the rules of rustic  
 " œconomy towards the beast that perishes.  
 " In consequence of this treatment, his legs  
 " and feet resemble an S more than an L.  
 " His hair felt like a hog's bristles, and his  
 " head like a warm cinder. He was once  
 " *blind* for six months, *but still he did his work.*  
 " Notwithstanding his arduous contest with na-  
 " ture for life and scanty bread, what attention  
 " has been shewn him? — Being out of his  
 " time of servitude, as a *reward* for his labours  
 " and sufferings, he is become an object of the  
 " parochial charity. Not as a seaman maimed,  
 " has he any claim to the chest at *Chatham*, or  
 " any other chest, but what pure humanity  
 " directs."

" He adds to this description, " They (the  
 " climbing



“ climbing boys)’ are generally bandy-leg’d,  
 “ beginning to climb before the bone has ac-  
 “ quired a solidity, the daily pressure necessarily  
 “ gives the leg a twist, if it does not distort  
 “ the ankle.”

Those complaints to which the wretched  
 race of young chimney-sweepers are liable,  
 which have hitherto been mentioned, are visi-  
 ble to every one whose compassion or curiosity  
 tempts him to cast a look on these poor outcasts.  
 The blood-shot eye, the tottering ankle,  
 the distorted knee, characterize the oppressed  
 fraternity. But what are these infirmities,  
 disgusting and painful as they appear, com-  
 pared to the diseases which lurk within, un-  
 seen ; diseases which, after they have exposed  
 the helpless sufferers to the most torturing  
 operations, leave them at length for ever inca-  
 pacitated to enjoy the domestic sweets of life.  
 Painful and indelicate as is the task, I am  
 bound, as the advocate for these most distressed  
 of human beings, to expose the horrid tale to  
 the public eye. It must then be told, that

from the constant and straining exertions which these ill-treated infants are forced to employ in climbing chimneys, at an age too when their joints are by no means endued with firmness enough to support the incessant fatigue, a cancerous disorder frequently attacks the most tender and delicate parts. This being generally unheeded at first, and its malignant properties being nourished by the heating quality of the soot, aided by the perpetual state of unwashed dirt and filthiness in which these wretched children are kept, at length increases to a degree which requires the care of an hospital; nor then can the cure be often effected without such operations (nay *amputations*) as render the unfortunate lads complete eunuchs as those who are entrusted with the inner guard of an Oriental Haram.

Should I be suspected of exaggerating this odious story, let any medical attendant on the great hospitals of London be asked, and he will confirm every thing I have asserted.

In my last paragraph I left my poor Chimney-

ney-sweeper sunk in the lowest abyss of human misery ; I left him deprived of even the most distant hope of those connections which render life valuable ; I left him, after having struggled through penury, tyranny, and famine, a prey to pain and disease, destined to *solitary* poverty, and too probably the object of unfeeling ridicule. May I not presume that I have awakened in the hearts of the humane, a spark of compassion for those oppressed children ? May I not figure to myself the benevolent reader of my letters, shedding a tear over the wretchedness of these useful, but cruelly injured beings, and earnestly wishing to have some plan proposed for their relief ? I wish that I were equal to this arduous task, but unhappily it is easier to describe distress than to point out its remedy. The most that I *can* do on this occasion, I *will* do. I will lay before the public the plan which my benevolent friend Hanway had formed, which, with one material alteration only, seems calculated to relieve every distress under which the neglected beings whose cause I have undertaken, at present labor.

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He endeavours first to find some method whereby chimneys may be cleaned without the necessity of sending (sometimes of forcing) unfortunate infants up the dreary and dangerous ascent. He proceeds thus :

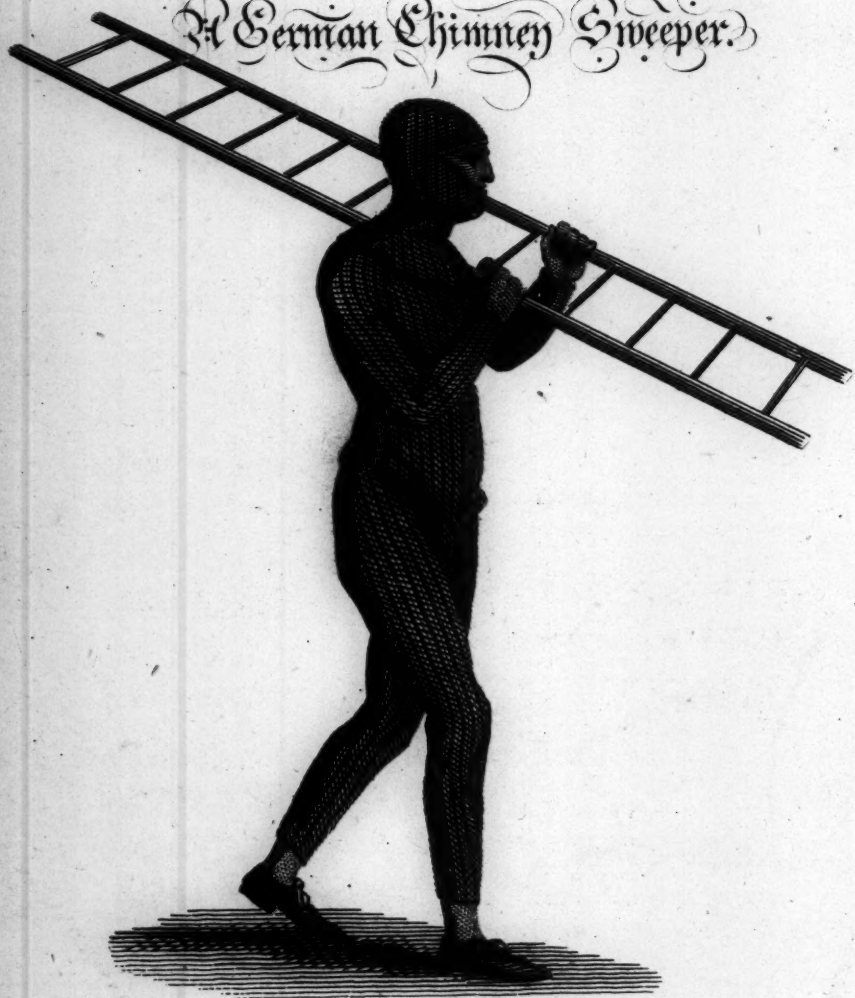
“ It is also reasonable to suppose that this  
 “ work might be done, as it is actually per-  
 “ formed in Russia, by brushwood tied to a cord  
 “ with a weight affixed, which carries it down  
 “ from the top of the chimney, from whence  
 “ it is pulled up again, and in a short time, by  
 “ this simple method, the chimney is swept.  
 “ Many of the twining passages for smoke in  
 “ their stoves, are left to clean themselves. At  
 “ the same time, I apprehend it to be more  
 “ than possible among us, for *men* to perform  
 “ the whole work of chimney sweeping, part-  
 “ ly by short ladders properly contrived to unite  
 “ with each other; partly by brushes with long  
 “ handles to unite in the same manner, so as  
 “ to be rendered portable.”

This idea, however, my benevolent friend appears to think hardly so far practicable as to be reduced to common use. He therefore proceeds





A German Chimney Sweeper.



*Erect in posture, & in strength confirm'd;  
His smutty Task perform'd, he smiles unhurt.*

ceeds to propose schemes for alleviating those distresses which it seems beyond his power utterly to abolish. His first proposal is, that the poor boys should be provided with such a climbing dress of leather, as is used by their fraternity throughout Germany. It has a cap, which secures their eyes, and, if necessary, their mouths. A cape covers the shoulders, and the knees, elbows, and backs, are fortified with additional pieces. With this armour they are enabled to perform their work without hazard to their knees or elbows, and when their task is done; they appear, (their dress being thrown off) decent and cleanly, like their fellow creatures. Leather, if it has linen or woollen under it, is not too cold to be worn. He then acquaints us that an attempt to introduce this custom into Britain was made not long ago, but failed for a reason which disgraces our national spirit and humanity.

“ If I am rightly informed,” says he, “ it is  
 “ not twenty years since we had a similar dress  
 “ for these poor boys, made of sheep-skin, and  
 “ is

" it usually cost 7s. 6d. The waistcoat was  
 " laced on, and tucked under the breeches; and  
 " though some soot penetrated, it served as a  
 " great protection. This was the practice in  
 " the eastern parts of these cities: and why  
 " was it discontinued? because it cost 7s. 6d.  
 " and required to be renewed once or twice in a  
 " year. When a boy went up a chimney on  
 " fire, it was apt to parch and break the lea-  
 " ther; in consequence of which, it seems as  
 " if the masters were more inclined to burn  
 " the skin of a living boy, than of a dead  
 " sheep."

In 1773, an attempt was made by a num-  
 ber of respectable merchants of London, un-  
 der the auspices of the benevolent Hanway, to  
 relieve the distresses of the unfortunate Climb-  
 ing-boys. By direction of this society, pathet-  
 ic letters were written to the Master Chimney-  
 sweepers, exhorting them " to treat their boys  
 " well, and not to take more under their care  
 " than they were able to maintain;" recom-  
 mending it to them also " to have regular in-  
 " dentures



“ indentures made out for such as they retained  
 “ in their service.” These persuasions seem  
 to have had some effect on many of  
 the masters, and the poor boys in general, ac-  
 knowledged that they were better treated than  
 they had been; but the necessity of a five shil-  
 ling stamp to each indenture soon annihilated  
 the plan, and both masters and boys went on  
 as formerly.

Convinced by experience of the inefficacy  
 of any system of relief to which the Legisla-  
 ture could not be adduced to give its support,  
 Mr. Hanway determined about two years be-  
 fore his decease to raise a subscription among  
 his friends towards defraying the expence  
 of an Act of Parliament, which might compel  
 the masters to take apprentices regularly,  
 might restrain them from taking too many,  
 and at the same time might hold out such  
 advantages to the masters, as should incite  
 them to acquiesce in the regulations as to the  
 treatment of the boys, which were to be in-  
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serted in the Act. The addition of six-pence to the usual charge of a shilling for sweeping a chimney, would, as he apprehended, have accomplished this desirable purpose. And thus he computed it:

Out of 1800 persons living on the produce of sweeping chimnies in and about the metropolis, there are of climbing-boys about five hundred.

The additional 6d. per chimney would amount to about 525ol.

This sum, allowing upwards of nine pounds each for the benefit of the climbing-boys, would certainly authorize Government, to demand of the masters a more close attention to the distresses and wants of the wretched children trusted to their care, insist on these poor creatures being properly clothed, washed and fed, and above all, to assign the just bounds of their service by *legal* and rational Indentures.

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Mr. Hanway proceeds in his letters to give the outlines of those regulations, which he wished to be established for the protection of the helpless infants employed by the Master Chimney sweepers, as Chimney-boys. He proposed to form the Masters into a Company, consisting of a Master, Warden and Court of Assistants, who should meet monthly to settle disputes between Masters and Apprentices; and who, in cases of difficulty, might apply for advice and exertion of powers to any two neighbouring justices.

But might the writer of these letters, without being charged with presumption, venture to differ from a man so experienced as his deceased friend, he would say that this "*dernier resort*" — this appeal to two Justices, seems to point out a method of shortening and facilitating the whole plan; for surely two Justices are as proper to decide between Chimney-sweepers and their Apprentices, as between *all other* Masters and Apprentices. Why then form any Court or Company? why not rather

include Chimney-sweepers, *specially*, among the many artificers, and others, whose contracts are cognizable by one or more Justices, under the several acts—13 G. 2. c. 28—20 G. 2. c. 19.—22 G. 2. c. 27. and 17 G. 3. c. 56.

To the before-mentioned regulations, Mr. Hanway adds the following ones—

No chimney-sweeper to act without a licence, which shall cost one shilling only, and shall be granted, for *London*, at the Chamberlain's Office; for *Westminster*, at a principal Rotation Office, where each master shall, in a book kept as a record, specify his abode, and the number of his journeymen and apprentices. And should he falsify, he shall be for ever disqualified from acting as a Master-chimney-sweeper. And that no licence be granted to any but householders who pay parish taxes.

That no boy shall serve, or be employed by any master chimney-sweeper without an indenture made according to a form annexed ; and  
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all such indentures shall be registered at the places whence the licences are taken, otherwise to be deemed illegal, and to subject the master to a penalty.

That no boy be engaged as apprentice under the age of *eight* years, (at least.)

That no master shall let out his boys, under fourteen years of age, to hire.

That no master shall keep more than four boys as apprentices at one time.

That should any boy, at the expiration of his apprenticeship, not be able (from disease or otherwise) to go on in his business, the master shall give security that he shall allow somewhat towards a provision for him.—Five pounds is the sum which Mr. Hanway proposes. But perhaps the whole of this last regulation may bear a doubt.

No apprentice shall be sent to *call the streets*,  
under

under the age of ——— years, and then, not without a journeyman to attend him.

No journeyman chimney-sweeper shall be allowed to take an apprentice.

Every master shall provide a fit dress for his climbing-boys, to guard them as much as possible against the friction and hazards of chimney-climbing. He shall also provide for, and allow to each of them a full suit for daily use, and another for the Sabbath-day; and the climbing boys shall have full liberty to attend Public worship and Sunday schools. The master shall also be provided with proper conveniences for the effectual washing of his boys, and shall oblige them to clean themselves, on their daily return from work.

No boy \* shall be sent up any chimney to sweep or clean it, if the same be of less di-

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\* Mr. Hanway affirms that there are many instances of boys being forced up into chimnies, so strait that it is morally impossible that they should return uninjured or without imminent danger of their lives.

mentions than ——— by ——— inches; but the same shall be cleaned by some other means, that no life be hazarded thereby; nor shall any climbing-boy be sent up any chimney when on fire †.

Lastly, that to enable the masters to attend to the above provisions for the safety, cleanliness, and (in consequence) health of their climbing boys, also to encourage them to allow them better food and lodging, together with some suitable instruction, it shall be lawful for them to demand *one shilling* for cleaning every chimney, not being a kitchen chimney, and eighteen-pence for a kitchen chimney. ‡

Mr. Hanway then gives a copy of the proposed indenture, which judiciously recapitulates

† If the flames are violent, the boy sent up, cannot live—if they are *not* violent, they may be extinguished by other methods than the cruel one above forbidden.

‡ It has been suggested, that this additional allowance to the masters is too large.

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every obligation on the master as stated above, with this, and with an affecting quotation from a periodical work, I hasten to conclude an address, which, if it be not sufficiently well executed to move, at least shall not, by its prolixity, fatigue those who honor it with a perusal.

*Form*



*Form of an INDENTURE proposed  
by Mr. HANWAY in his Work.*

**This Indenture**, made the

day of

in the

year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George  
the Third, by the grace of God, of Great  
Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender  
of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of  
our Lord One thousand seven hundred and  
eighty-

: *Between A. B.* of the age of  
years, son of *B. B.* of the parish of

, in the county of

of the one part; and *C. D.* of street,  
in the parish of , in the county of

aforesaid, Chimney-sweeper, of the  
other part, *Witneſſeth*, That the said *A. B.*,  
with the consent of the said *B. B.*, his father,  
doth, by these presents, put and place himself  
apprentice to the said *C. D.*, to learn the art and  
mystery of a chimney sweeper; and with him  
to dwell and serve from the day of the date of

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these presents, for and during the term of seven years from hence next ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended ; during all which time the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve and obey, his secrets keep, and his lawful commands every-where gladly do and perform : He shall not haunt ale-houses or gaming-houses, nor absent himself from the service of his said master, day or night, without his leave ; but in all things, as a faithful apprentice, shall behave himself towards his said master, and all his, during his said term. *And* the said *C. D.*, in consideration of the good-will which he hath and beareth towards the said *A. B.*, and of the faithful service so to be performed by him, doth hereby covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said *A. B.*, that he the said *C. D.*, his said apprentice in the art and mystery of a chimney-sweeper, which he now useth, shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed in the best manner that he can ; *And* shall and will provide and allow unto the said apprentice, during all the said term, meet, competent

petent, and sufficient meat, drink, washing lodging, apparel, and all other things necessary and fit for an apprentice (that is to say) for his food, three wholesome meals every day, one of which to be of sweet sound meat, with small beer, and in sufficient quantity; and for his lodging a bed and bedstead, with good whole blankets, and such other bedding as is necessary for rest and the preservation of health. *And whereas*, from the nature of the business of a chimney-sweeper, it is requisite for the boys employed in climbing, to have a dress particularly suited to that purpose, which dress is fit only for that part of the occupation, the said *C. D.* doth hereby also covenant, promise, and agree, to allow and deliver to the said apprentice, during the term aforesaid, over and above the said dress proper for climbing, two whole and complete suits of clothing, with suitable linen, stockings and shoes, one to be worn on the week days, at such times of the day as the said apprentice shall not be employed in his business; and the other on the Sabbath-day. *And further*, That the said *C. D.*

shall and will cause his said apprentice to be thoroughly washed and cleansed from soot and dirt upon his daily return from his work ; and he shall attend at the public worship of God constantly, twice every Sabbath-day ; and shall teach his said apprentice, or cause or procure him to be taught, the Lord's Prayer, the Belief, the Ten Commandments, and such further knowledge as may enable him to understand and practise the duties of a Christian in in his station. *And moreover*, that he the said C. D. shall and will, at the end of the term of seven years, or other sooner determination of these presents, provide, allow, and deliver unto the said apprentice, one new whole and compleat suit of cloathing, exclusive of the common working-dress and day-suit, with stockings and linen suitable thereto. *And* if at the expiration of the said term the said apprentice shall not be minded to follow the trade or business of a chimney-sweeper, or shall, from youth or bodily infirmity, be unfit to be trusted to himself, and have no parents or friends able and willing to receive and protect



test him, that in such case, he the said *C.D.* shall and will use his utmost endeavours to procure for the said *A.B.* a master in the sea-service, or some other useful employment, and shall and will maintain the said *A. B.* at his own expence for such time, not exceeding  
 over and after the expiration of the term aforesaid, as he the said *A. B.* shall be unprovided with employment. *In witness* whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Sealed, &c.

I hereby certify, that the within-written Indenture of apprenticeship was registered in my office, pursuant to the act of parliament in that behalf, made and provided this                      day of  
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*E. F. Chamberlain.*

The same in any other office where the entry of the indenture may be made.

APPEN-

## A P P E N D E X.

*Extract from a letter printed in the Gentleman's Magazine for September, 1786, and signed,*

“ RACHEL weeping for her children.”

“ **I** Am grieved that one of his [Mr. Han-  
 “ way's] most humane schemes has been  
 “ neglected and forgotten. I mean that pa-  
 “ ternal relief which he implored for the most  
 “ miserable and helpless, and at the same time  
 “ the most innocent of the human species. —  
 “ Whom can I point at but those poor orphans  
 “ who are destined to sweep chimnies? They  
 “ undergo harder labour, and at the same time  
 “ more dangerous and painful than slaves who  
 “ work in mines. Let opulence and luxury,  
 “ as they roll along our streets, but cast their  
 “ eyes on those little wretched beings crouch-  
 “ ing under sheds and starving, with their eyes  
 “ fore and smarting, and remember, that un-  
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“ der all that sable hue they would, if washed,  
“ cleaned, and fed, be as attractive as the babes  
“ of wealth and family. The horrors of their  
“ situation are not to be painted. They are  
“ torne from a mother’s arms, and forced into  
“ narrow funnels, where they are scorched  
“ alive ! Yes ! and are beaten if they shrink  
“ from that torture. Shall no hand but Mr.  
“ Hanway’s be extended to alleviate their suf-  
“ ferings ? What mother can press her own  
“ darling to her bosom, and not commiserate  
“ similar beings, deprived of every comfort,  
“ exposed to every hardship ?

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